

### **REMARKS**

The present amendment is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 4, 2005, in which Claims 1 through 8 were rejected. Applicant has thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action and the references cited therein. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action and, when coupled with the amendments made herein to the application, are believed to render the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are amended herein. Claims 1 and 2 are cancelled herein, Claims 9 through 12 having been previously cancelled. No new claims are added at this time. Accordingly, Claims 3 through 8 remain pending.

All changes are made for clarification and are based on the application and drawings as originally filed. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

### **CLAIM OBJECTIONS**

The Examiner objected to Claims 1 and 3-8 for certain formalities. Applicants have cancelled Claims 1 and 2 and have amended Claims 3 through 8 herein to overcome the objections.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

### **CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. SECTION 102**

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. Section 102

as being anticipated by Kundu *et al.*

Applicants have cancelled Claims 1 and 2 and have amended Claims 5 and 6 so as to include limitations of Claim 7 which has not been substantively rejected.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended overcome the cited art.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 are respectfully requested.

#### **CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. SECTION 112**

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 through 8 under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph, as containing the language “derived from.”

Applicants have cancelled this language as set forth in amended Claims 3, 5 and 6 which have been rewritten in independent form herein.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. Section 112 are respectfully requested.

#### **REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW**

The undersigned Attorney for Applicants respectfully requests the opportunity to discuss this application with the Examiner either in person or via telephone **before** the Examiner issues a substantive response. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at 248-258-4496 at the Examiner’s convenience to arrange such an interview.

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims as currently presented are in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas T. Moga', with a stylized, looping flourish at the end.

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